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Edie has a variety of chemical dependency prevention skills, including: community mobilization/ coalition building, preventing tobacco use, and raising awareness of the harmful effects of marijuana use, underage drinking, and methamphetamine use. She is also presents on these topics to a variety of audiences and venues.

Edie is a certified facilitator for the following evidence-based programs: Strengthening Families Program for Parents and Youth 10-14, Strengthening Families of 6-12 year olds (Kumpfer), Smart Moves, Teens Against Tobacco Use, Life Skills Training (Botvin), Project ALERT, and Parenting Wisely (both young children and teens).

She currently is the Healthy Communities Specialist, Prevention Redesign Initiative Community Coordinator, and Community Mobilization Coordinator for Adams County.

People Against Illegal Drugs

Demographic Information:

The greater Othello Community has a population of 5,847 in a 3.43 square mile area. It has a young population: 31% are 15 years old or younger, 17% are 16-24, 23% are 25-44, 17% are 45-64, and 9% are 65+. We are 64% Hispanic, 51% male, and 49% female. The median household income is \$30,291.

Organizational Overview:

People Against Illegal Drugs (PAID) was formed in 1985 and their primary focus is alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention and positive choices for youth. Currently there are limited resources to address local problems. Adams County has a part-time prevention specialist/Community Mobilization Coordinator, but no prevention/intervention specialist in the Othello School District.

Community Resources:

PAID has a broad range of active members, including: local law enforcement, media, faith community, education, youth, parent, local health department, county commissioner, youth-serving and other substance abuse organizations, and representative from a volunteer group.

Our Mission:

"To organize a coalition of parents, students, educators, and other concerned community organizations and individuals, for the purpose of developing an awareness of the drug problem in Othello, and create a drug and alcohol free environment for our youth."

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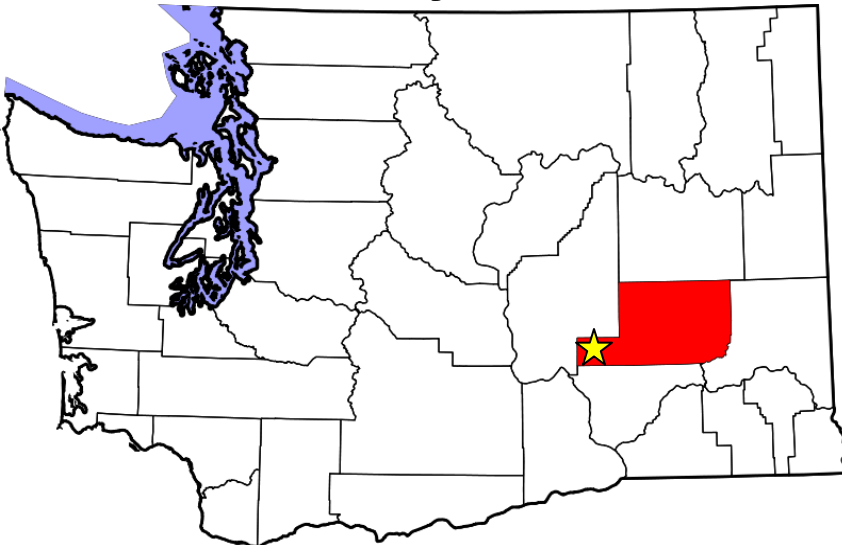
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Community Profile

Highlights of Local Problems:

Othello was chosen because of its alcohol and marijuana abuse issues. Among youth served by our county juvenile department, 40-50% report they are using alcohol and marijuana. Most of these youth come from the greater Othello area.

Parenting Wisely Program Goals

Decrease the risk associated with community laws and norms favorable to drug use, firearms and crime, and decrease the risk associated with family management problems.

Why this evidence-based program was chosen

Parenting Wisely was chosen for its results in reducing family management problems.

How progress will be measured

Progress will be measured by giving pre-and post-surveys to participants in the 10-week series.

Anticipated challenges and resolutions

The challenge we anticipate is timing the 10-week series to have high attendance. We will carefully consider the school calendar and timing of planting and harvest in our agricultural community.

General Statistics

Community: Othello

Population: 5,847
(City Limits)

Zoning: Rural

Ethnic Diversity
63.8% Hispanic
(City)

**Median Household
Income:** \$30,291

Coalition Founded:
1985